

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON LAW & LICENSING**

**June 10, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Common Council Chambers, City Hall**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele, Vice Chairperson Ald. Bill Thiel, Ald. Joe Heidemann, Ald. Susan Lessard

**Absent:** Ald. Kevin Matichuk

**Others in Attendance:** Assistant City Attorney Charles C. Adams, Lt. Douglas Teunissen, Ald. Mark Hermann, City Clerk Susan Richards, Licensing Clerk Cinda Langhoff, Kevana O. Ruffin, Ty S. Wagner, Matthew L. Norling, Jeremy D. Pinnow, Nicole M. Segovia, Chanda M. Tichy, Taylor L. Burns, Renee A. Kramer, Rebecca M. Steinberg, Brittany E. Stewart, David A. Repinski, Henry Thompson, Tou Lee, Mauro Castro, Scott Lewandoske

Chairperson VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of committee members, staff and guests.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held May 27, 2014 was made by Ald. Thiel and seconded by Ald. Lessard. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 347-13-14 (4-14-14) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0355 (Kevana O. Ruffin)**

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Kevana O. Ruffin appeared before the committee to discuss her application. After discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Heidemann moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 17-14-15 (5-5-14) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0358 (Ty S. Wagner)**

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Ty S. Wagner appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 43-14-15 (5-19-14) – Various License Applications [individuals]: Bev. Op. Lic. [NEW] App. Nos. 5641 (Matthew L. Norling), 0370 (Jeremy D. Pinnow), 0372 (Nicole M. Segovia), 0366 (Chanda M. Tichy); Bev. Op. Lic. [RENEWAL] App. Nos. 9783 (Brianna L. Bakewell), 7820 (Taylor L. Burns), 8875 (Renee A. Kramer), 9913 (Rebecca M. Steinberg), 8315 (Brittany E. Stewart); Taxicab Op. Lic. [NEW] App. Nos. 0377 (Renee A. Hampton), 7368 (Tom J. Sanders)**

Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2014 and June 30, 2016.

Matthew L. Norling appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record and his failure to include violations on his application, Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Jeremy D. Pinnow appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record and his failure to include violations on his application, Ald. Heidemann moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to deny the license application based upon Mr. Pinnow's failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on his beverage operator's license application and his record of violations related to the licensed activity. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Nicole M. Segovia appeared before the committee to discuss her application. After discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Heidemann moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Chanda M. Tichy appeared before the committee to discuss her application. After discussion of her record and her failure to include a violation on her application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Brianna L. Bakewell failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to request via certified mailing Ms. Bakewell's appearance before the committee at its June 24th meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Taylor L. Burns appeared before the committee to discuss her renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **Three ayes and one abstention (Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.**

Renee A. Kramer appeared before the committee to discuss her renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Heidemann moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Rebecca M. Steinberg appeared before the committee to discuss her renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of her record, Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant the license. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Brittany E. Stewart appeared before the committee to discuss her renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of her record, Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant the license. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Renee A. Hampton failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to request via certified mailing Ms. Hampton's appearance before the committee at its June 24th meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Tom J. Sanders failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to request via certified mailing Mr. Sanders' appearance before the committee at its June 24th meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 44-14-15 (5-19-14) – Various License Applications [businesses]: “Class B” Liquor Lic. [RENEWAL] App. No. 1089-Dave’s Who’s Inn (David A. Repinski, Agent); Class “B” Fermented Malt Bev. Lic. and Class “C” Wine Lic. [NEW] App. No. 3062-Dragon Bar & Grill (Tou Lee, Owner)**

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

David A. Repinski appeared before the committee to discuss his renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of recent incidents at the business and the various improvements being made at the business in order to improve safety, Ald. Heidemann moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license. **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Lessard); motion approved.** Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to invite Mr. Repinski to the first meeting in August so that Mr. Repinski can update the committee regarding the actions he has taken. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Tou Lee appeared before the committee to discuss his application. Mr. Lee indicated that Dragon Bar & Grill will be primarily a restaurant serving Thai and American food with a capacity of 180. He should be ready to open by the end of July. After discussion of his record and his failure to include violations on his application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the licenses contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**Update regarding Taxicab Business Lic. No. 2912-Independent Cab (Robert D. Phippen, Owner)**

ACA Adams informed the committee that Independent Cab has ceased operations and permanently surrendered the business license.

**Possible action regarding Taxicab Business Lic. No. 2997–The Best Taxi (Mauro Castro, Owner)**

Mauro Castro appeared before the committee to discuss the May 24, 2014 accident involving a taxi driven by Michael Gaumer. That vehicle inspection paperwork has been turned in to the Clerk's Office. Lt. Teunissen suggested that Mr. Castro do further training with his employees as they seem to be involved in an unusually large number of accidents. Lt. Teunissen indicated that Calvin Kau had backed into a vehicle on May 22, 2014, but was not issued a ticket as there was no damage. No further action will be taken by the committee at this time.

**R.O. No. 55-14-15 (6-2-14) – Various License Applications [individuals]**

Submitting various license applications (individuals) for the period ending December 31, 2014 and June 30, 2016.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 6713 (Megan Biederwolf) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 9410 (Cynthia D. Christman). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0397 (Sara L. Hawe) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0411 (Monique A. Olaiz) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0392 (Sophia A. Olenick) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0400 (Jennifer R. Verheyen). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 1172 (Christopher R. Campbell) with instructions to update the application. **Three ayes and one abstention (Ald. Lessard); motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 4228 (Phyllis H. Hendrikse). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Heidemann moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 3816 (Kathleen A. Kautzer) to discuss her application with the committee. **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Lessard); motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 4767 (Susan J. Lessard). **Three ayes and one abstention (Ald. Lessard); motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 8607 (Joshua J. Malson). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 5138 (Nicole L. Metz) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 9849 (Mark J. Prucha). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 4338 (Sherri L. Roerdink) with instructions to update the application. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 8224 (Amanda Y. Salazar). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 5235 (David A. Schleining). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 7229 (Susan E. Schillingowski). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 8024 (Shawn L. Theune). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to amend R.O. 55-14-15 to change the expiration date for the new taxicab operator licenses to December 31, 2014, and also to hold all of the taxicab operator renewal applications until October 2014. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant the remainder of the license applications for individuals listed on the above-referenced R.O. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 56-14-15 (6-2-14) – Various License [RENEWAL] Applications [businesses]**

Submitting various license applications (businesses) for the period ending June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 2693 (Beans on 12th). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 2428 (Highland House). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license to “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 3066 (N Z’s Bar & Grill). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 1925 (Screamers). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Class “B” Fermented Malt Bev. Lic. App. No. 2299 (Chinatown Kitchen). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Class “B” Fermented Malt Bev. and Class “C” Wine Lic. App. No. 2998 (Pete’s Little Chicago LLC). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant the remainder of the license applications for entities listed on the above-referenced R.O. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**Discussion and possible action regarding law violations that may require future action by the Committee**

ACA Adams and Lt. Teunissen indicated that they had no such violations to report at this time.

Ald. Lessard made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Thiel seconded the motion. **All ayes; motion approved.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on June 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.